Dairying & Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture for making recommendation on various issues relating to the development of marine fisheries in India. The EC has representatives from the Ministry of Defence, Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, Ministry of Home Affairs, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Shipping, Fishery Survey of India, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Coast Guards and the Reserve Bank of India.

(f) Some of the main recommendations of the EC pertain to percentage of Indian crew onboard deep-sea fishing vessels, voyage period, submission of voyage reports, stipulation on payments towards the cost of vessels, requirement on registration, mid-sea transshipment of catch, mandatory Coast Guard inspections etc. All the recommendations of the EC have been implemented.

RKVY in Orissa

3258. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to Orissa;

(b) the amount spent by the State;

(c) whether funds were spent to achieve the objectives under RKVY;

(d) the output and achievements under RKVY in Orissa; and

(e) whether implementation of RKVY resulted in increased productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) An amount of Rs. 230.67 crore has been released under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to Orissa during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 (up to 15.12.2009).

(b) State has spent Rs. 139.00 crore from 2007-08 to 15th December, 2009.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State have undertaken several projects in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Agriculture Marketing, Irrigation and Agriculture Research sectors. Production of foodgrains has increased, more crops have been taken up under organic cultivation in horticulture sector, milk production has increased in Puri, Nayagarh and Khurda districts, two cotton mandis have been established and water use efficiency has improved in Orissa as a result of RKVY projects.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Impact of drought on Rabi crop

3259. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: